TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 983 - SB 941

March 16, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from \$500 to \$1,000, the penalty charged to persons injuring or destroying any portion of gas fixtures or property belonging to the gas company.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-26-104, the current penalty for injuring or destroying such property is \$500, upon conviction.
- It is unknown if any person has previously been penalized for injuring or destroying gas fixtures or other property belonging to a gas company; however, it is assumed there will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

• Any such penalty will be paid to a public gas utility; however, it is assumed there will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for any impact to business revenue in Tennessee. The proposed language will have no impact to jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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